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SOLIS: BUSH'S ENERGY PROPOSAL FAILS CONSUMERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.-*Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32), Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, released the following statement responding to President George W. Bush's energy speech to the Small Business Association:*

"President Bush's proposal will do nothing to reduce gas prices for consumers. The reality is that companies like Shell Oil and Exxon Mobil are breaking global profit records because the Bush Administration has allowed the industry to consolidate and reduce competition. At a time when consumers are going broke paying at the pump, we should be very concerned that the best proposal the Bush Administration can offer could very well do more damage to our communities.

"I strongly encourage all cities, municipalities and states with existing authority over the siting and operations of refineries to examine the details of these proposals as they become available. The Bush Administration has a track record of stepping on states' rights and attempting to exempt industry and the Department of Defense from the very public health and environmental laws designed to protect our communities. We have a very real reason to be concerned about these proposals."

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